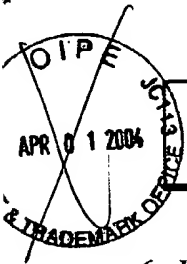


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REMARKS

The Examiner's comments together with the cited references
have been carefully studied. Favorable reconsideration in view of the
following remarks and the attached Declaration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 14 are pending in the application. Claims 9-13
have been canceled.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)
as being unpatentable over Kasahara et al. in view of any of Brown, Akiya et
al., and Darsillo et al.

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
unpatentable over Kasahara et al. in view of any of Brown, Akiya et al., and
Darsillo et al. and further in view of Tokunaga et al. for reasons of record.

The rejections are respectfully traversed. The Examiner has
stated:

....the showings in the specification do not demonstrate unexpected
results based upon the quantity of crosslinking agent because the